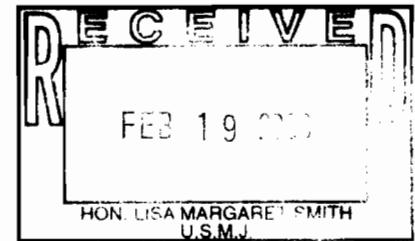




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Re: Aurel Smith v. Artus, Superintendent
07 Civ. 9261 (SCR) (LMS)

Your Honor:

I am writing this letter to request an extension for filing respondent's answer, which is due by February 29, 2008. Due to numerous other matters, including two previously assigned direct appeals and several motions, I do not believe that I can adequately respond to the petition by the current return date. In addition, I will be out of the country for two weeks at the end of March. Accordingly, I respectfully request that respondent's time to answer be enlarged to April 11, 2008.

One prior request for such relief has previously been granted.

Sincerely,

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*Motion granted. No further
extensions without a supporting affidavit.*
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